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Nicholas Hall House
New Market
Private

1780/1800

The Nicholas Hall House is a one and a half and two and one-half story brick and frame structure which is accompanied by a frame summer kitchen, log smokehouse, a trading post, and log spring-house.

The south part of the building is a one and one-half story frame structure which is four bays wide and is believed to have been built in 1780 by Nicholas Hall. According to the current owner it was located at a different site on a hill west of the present location and it is believed that the house was moved to the current site when the well went dry sometime before 1795.

The north section of the building is a Federal style two and one-half story, flank gable roofed flemish bond and common bond brick structure. It is three bays long and two bays wide with a one story brick addition located to the rear in the northwest corner. Much of the original woodworking and molding is still located in this part of the house, although it has been removed from the south section of the building.

The Nicholas Hall House is extremely important to Frederick County as the home of one of the individuals who laid out the town of New Market, and as an example of an unusual style of architecture for this area of Western Maryland.

The gradual sloping roof of the four bay wide frame section of the building with front veranda which extends across the first level of the brick section of the building is more typical of a style used in the eastern parts of Maryland. It confirms the importance of English as well as German influence on the architecture of Frederick County.

Nicholas Hall, who is believed to have come from New Market, England began acquiring land in the vicinity of the town of New Market in the second half of the eighteenth century. According to an advertisement in a 1788 edition of the Frederick newspaper, the town of New Market was to be laid out on principal streets and "the lots are to be sold by Nicholas Hall, living near premises." Certainly the "premises" referred to in this ad included the existing Hall House.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Nicholas Hall House

AND/OR COMMON

Charles Wood House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

S/S I-70 W/S Route 75

6

CITY, TOWN

New Market

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E D 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

M88 P30

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles Wood

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

New Market

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21774

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Court House

Liber #: 994

Folio #: 597

STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☒ MOVED DATE ?

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Nicholas Hall house is a one and one-half and two and one-half story brick and frame structure, which faces east from the south side of I-70 just south of the town of New Market. The main house is also accompanied by a frame summer kitchen, log smoke house, a trading post, and log spring house.

The south part of the building is a one and one-half story frame structure which is four bays wide. An entrance door is located in the first bay from the southeast corner. Double hung 6/6 windows with louvered shutters are located in the remaining bays. Four dormer windows project from the gradual sloping asphalt roof on both the east and west sides. A one story open veranda extends across the entire structure. An exterior stone and brick replaced chimney is located on the south end of the frame building. An additional brick chimney is located in the northwest corner of the frame section of the residence. All the dormer windows have a unusual inverted T shaped wood decoration across the top of the window, and are covered on the sides with asphalt siding. This section of the house is the oldest section having been built in 1780. According to the current owner it was located at a different site on a hill west of the present location and and it is believed the house was moved to the current site when the well went dry sometime before 1795. Unfortunately most of the interior wood work in this section of the building is no longer in existence. The north section of the building is a two and one-half story flank gable roofed flemish bond and common bond brick structure in the Federal style. It is three bays long and two bays wide with a one story brick addition located to the rear in the northwest corner. This small addition is not original to the house but was added at a later undetermined time. The main entrance door located in the first bay of the brick addition is an original panelled door. Located in the remaining bays on the first level and in all the bays on the second level are replaced 2/2 windows with louvered shutters. The asphalt roof is finished by a boxed cornice with architrave trim and a decorative frieze. Stone flat arches are located over each of the windows in the main brick section. A large corbeled brick chimney is flush with the north side of the building. The one story open veranda extends across the first level of this section also. Much of the original wood working and molding is still located in this part of the house, which according to the current owner was built in 1800 by Nicholas Hall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	1780/1800	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Nicholas Hall
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In 1821 Hall, died leaving his estate to his two daughters, Elizabeth Pitts and Ann Shipley and his grandsons John Henry Hall and Nicholas Hall who were sons of his deceased son.¹ The house became the property of the grandson Nicholas Hall who fell into debt in 1844 and sold the estate at public auction to his cousin Nicholas H. Shipley.² The surrounding land and house remained in the Shipley family despite a variety of Mortgages until 1871 when it was sold to Margaret Wright for \$13,200.³ Since that time the estate has been transferred through a series of wills and is now owned by the Wood family, descendants of Nicholas Hall.

1 Frederick County Probate Records Liber HS2 Folio 422

2 Frederick County Land Records Liber HS19 Folio 571

3 Frederick County Land Records Liber CM7 Folio 573

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T.J.C., History of Frederick County, Maryland, Reg. Pub. Co.,
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Titworth, L.R., & Company, originally published 1910

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

1-26-78

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street

TELEPHONE

663-8300

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick,

STATE

Maryland

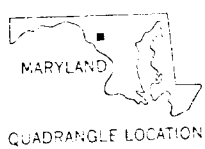
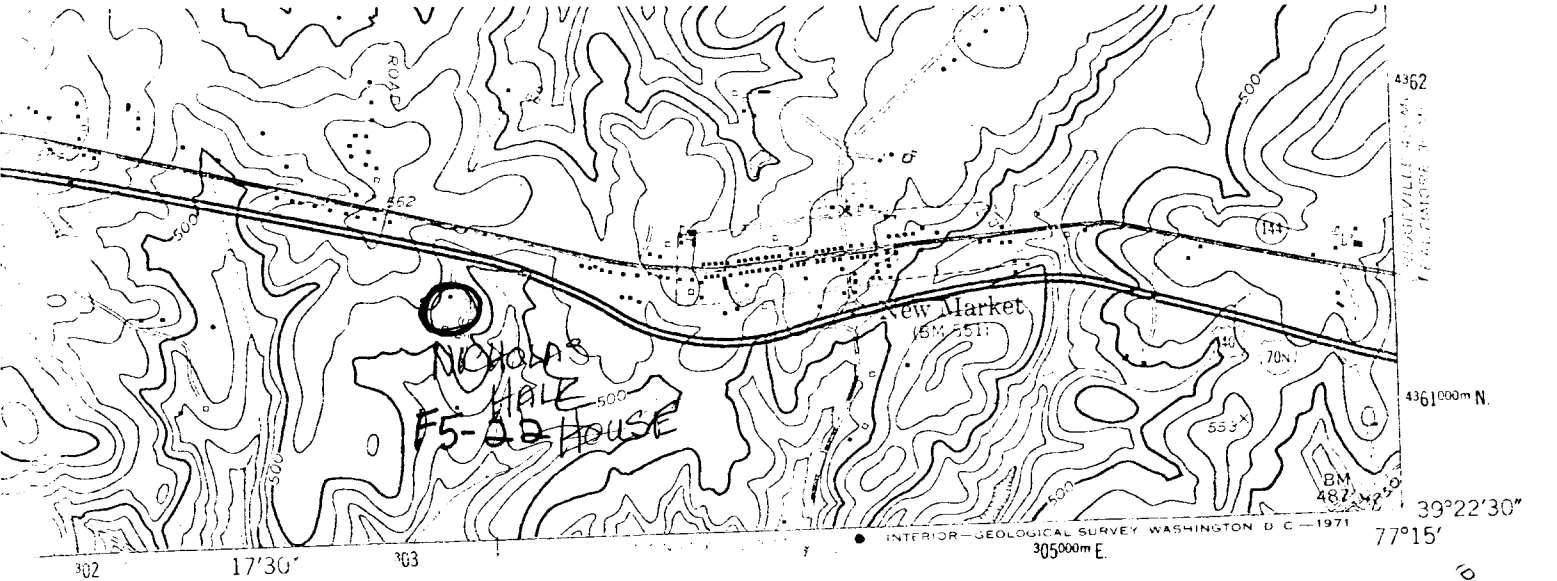
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

THE NICHOLAS HALL HOUSE (CONTINUED)

Another important structure at the site of the Nicholas Hall house is a frame over log trading post which is located just west of the residence. The structure is deteriorating and in very poor condition. It is one and one-half stories high with a flanked gable tin roof. An exterior stone and brick chimney is located on the south side of the building, which is three bays wide. The entrance is a board and batten door located in the second bay. The remaining two bays are covered by louvered shutters. According to the current owner the interior was finished with walnut panelling, some of which he has moved to his library in the small addition to the rear of the main residence. The Trading Post is believed to have been run by Nicholas Hall, and according to local tradition, cannons were fired when wagons came to delivery goods to the community. Also located on the premises are a 19th century wagon shed and frame barn, both of which are in fair condition.



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route
- State Route
- Interstate Route

WALKERSVILLE, MD.

N3922.5-W7715/7.5

1953
PHOTOREVISED 1971
AMS 5562 IV NE-SERIES V833

WALKERSVILLE
QUADRANGLE

C. 20242
E ON REQUEST



NICHOLAS HALL HOUSE
S/S Rte 70 NR NEW MARKET
EAST ELEVATION

CEW 10/17
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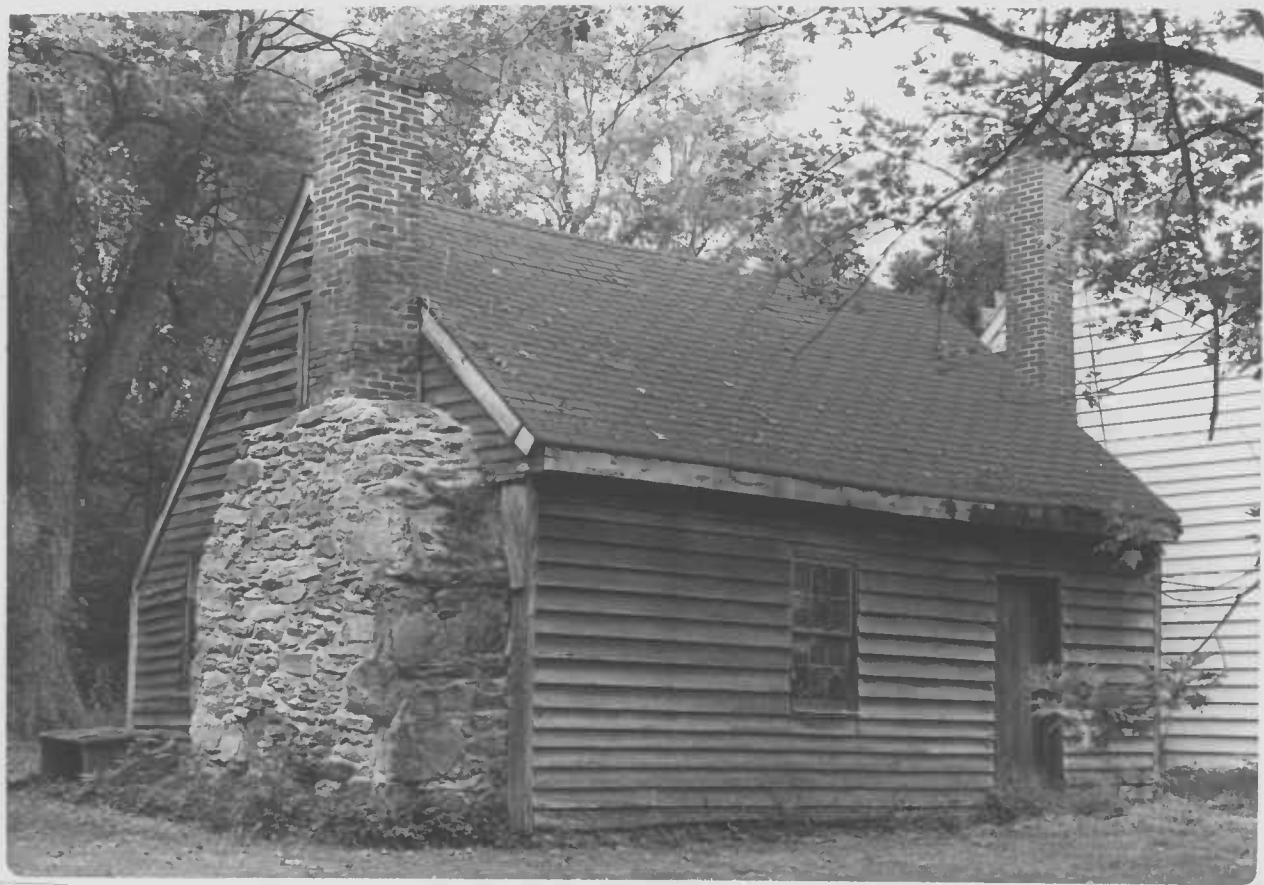
NICHOLAS HALL HOUSE

F-5-22

S/S I-70 NL NEW MARKET

WEST ELEVATION

CEW 10/77



NICHOLAS HALL OUTBUILDING
S/S Rte 70 NR DEW MARKET
EAST ELEVATION

CEW 10/77
F-5-22



NICHOLAS HALL HOUSE (TRADING POST)

S/S I-70 nr NEW MARKET

F-5-22

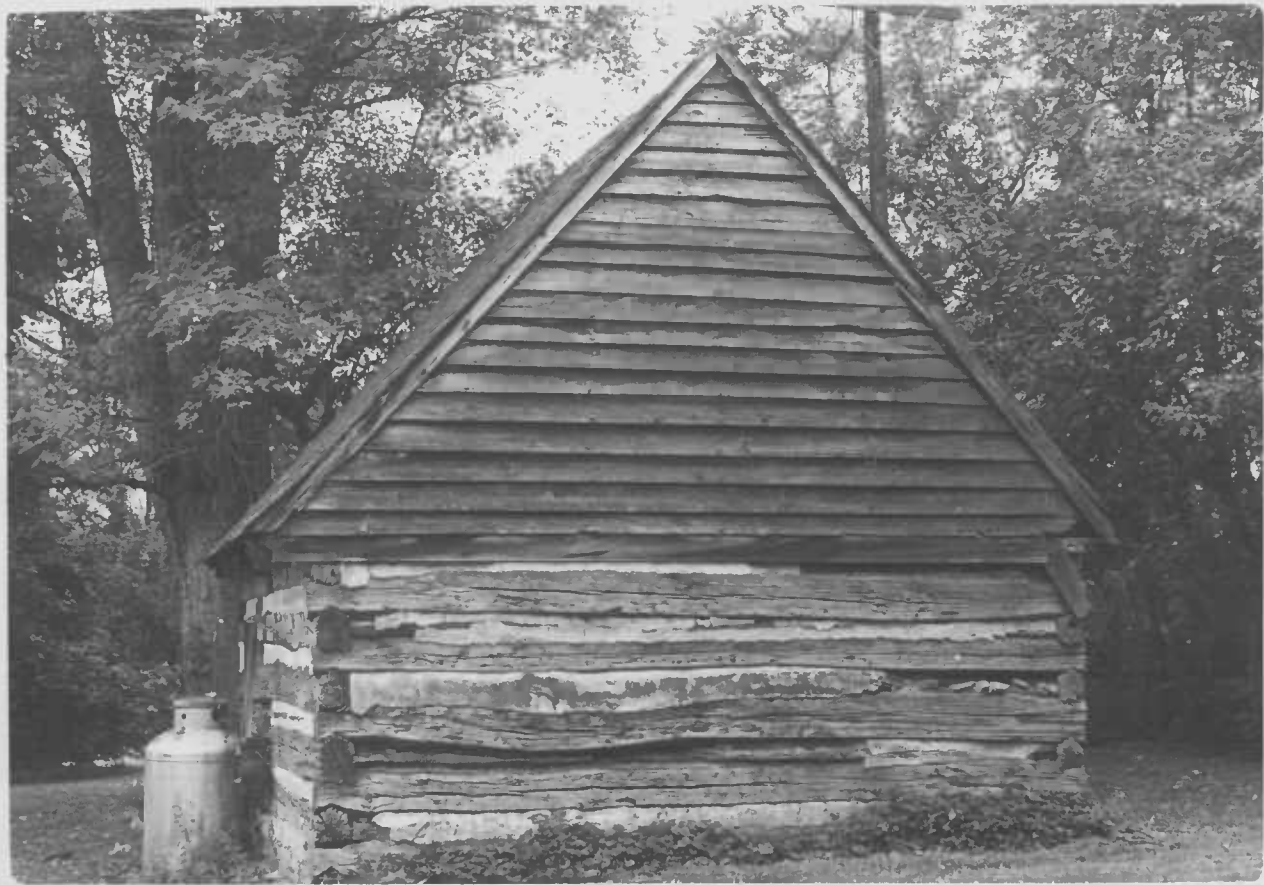
OUT BUILDING

CEW 10/77



NICHOLAS HALL House
S/S I-70 on NEW MARKET
OUTBUILDING

R-5-22 CREW
10/77



NICHOLAS HALL HOUSE
S/S I-79 nr NEW MARKET
OUTBUILDING

CEW 10/77

R-5-22

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